

AIRCRAFT SOURCES
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CONTRACT
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The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and Fire Protection, Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service, through legal agreements with commercial aircraft operators, will maintain a preplanned budgeted fleet of aircraft during a specified part of the fire season. This fleet includes air attack planes, airtankers and helicopters. The contract aircraft of each agency, through mutual agreement, are available for use by the other agencies.

INTERMITTENT AIRCRAFT
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Commercial aircraft hired occasionally for fire or (Call-When-Needed) other work. They must have been inspected and approved prior to departmental use.

COOPERATIVE FIRE PATROL
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Fire detection patrol flights, financed by private landowners and timber companies, are operated in certain areas of State responsibilities (i.e., Humboldt, Mendocino). These patrol aircraft normally carry a CDF fire captain. When needed, they double as an air attack aircraft.

OTHER AGENCIES
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- USFS lead planes, light twins, smoke jumper aircraft, transports, and various others are available through normal CDF-USFS request channels.
- California Highway Patrol Helicopters
- L.A. County, Ventura County and others

MILITARY

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In accordance with law and formal agreement, the Department may request assistance, including aircraft, from the California Military. These include helicopters and MAFFS (Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems). Military aircraft normally will not be used until all other available like type air resources are exhausted. Requests for military aircraft will be processed in accordance with procedures outlined in the 8100 Handbook. The utilization of Military aircraft and support resources is established in and governed by the MAFFS Operating Plan, Interagency Military Helicopter Firefighting Program Manual.

SCHEDULED AIRLINES (SELF EXPLANATORY)

VOLUNTEERS IN PREVENTION (VIP)

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Private aircraft flown by "volunteers in fire prevention," who assist CDF in aerial detection of fires.

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